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September 1, 1999

Mr. William R. Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Subject: Increased Flow Rate for Cessation of Active Leaching at Bingham Canyon Mine.

We have reviewed the Kennecott Utah Cooper Corporation August 12, 1999 letter regarding the proposal to increase the flow rate from the cessation of active dump leaching.

Your data for July, 1999 with a flow of 500 gpm from the inactive leach areas indicates that the water after treatment would still have complied with the UPDES permit limitations. During the summer when there is no discharge from the tailings impoundment, the water will be pumped to the tailings line and impoundment for neutralization.

Therefore, in accordance with the requirements of Part I Section e of the Ground Water Discharge Permit No. UGW350011 for the Kennecott Tailings Impoundment and the UPDES Permit No. UT0000051, your proposal to treat 1000 gpm of wastewater from inactive leach areas while there is no tailings pond discharge is hereby approved provided:

1. Kennecott complies with all of its UPDES permit limitations.
2. The process monitoring is performed weekly as proposed in the June 4, 1999 Plan.

The data should be submitted monthly along with the UPDES permit discharge monitoring reports (DMRs). If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steven McNeal at 538-6075.

Sincerely,

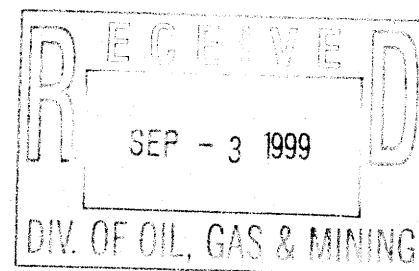
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